

Excerpt from Trauma Protocol
State of Rhode Island Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders

5. Determine the patient's initial trauma score. Refer to <i>Revised Trauma Score (Adult)</i> and <i>Trauma Score (Pediatric)</i> tables.	Trauma score
5.1 Transport without delay and <u>contact Medical Control</u> as soon as possible.	Transport early; Med Control
5.2 Adult patients: If the trauma score <11, or the patient's "situation of injury" includes any of the trauma factors identified on the <i>RI EMS Ambulance Run Report</i> , and you are <u>within</u> 20 minutes' transport time of Rhode Island Hospital Trauma Center: transport to Rhode Island Hospital ED, unless an airway emergency exists. If an airway emergency exists follow the <i>Airway Management and Respiratory Support</i> protocol.	Adult RTS <11 or trauma factors, transport time ≤20 minutes: transport to RIH ED
5.2.1 If the scene time and/or transport time will be prolonged, and a landing site is available, consider transport by air ambulance from the scene to an appropriate trauma center. Follow the <i>Air Ambulance</i> protocol.	Consider air ambulance to trauma center
5.2.2 If you are <u>beyond</u> 20 minutes' transport time of Rhode Island Hospital Trauma Center: transport to the nearest <u>HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY</u> .	Transport time >20 minutes: nearest ED
5.3 If a pediatric patient's trauma score ≤10, transport without delay and <u>contact Medical Control</u> as soon as possible.	Pedi TS ≤10: Med Control
5.4 Pediatric patients <5 feet tall (<35 kg/75 lbs): If the pediatric trauma score <9, or the patient's "situation of injury" includes any of the trauma factors identified on the <i>RI EMS Ambulance Run Report</i> , and you are <u>within</u> 20 minutes' transport time of Hasbro Children's Hospital, transport to Hasbro Children's Hospital ED, unless an airway emergency exists. If an airway emergency exists follow the <i>Airway Management and Respiratory Support</i> protocol.	Pedi TS <9 or trauma factors, transport time ≤20 minutes: Hasbro Children's Hospital ED
5.4.1 If the scene time and/or transport time will be prolonged, and a landing site is available, consider transport by air ambulance from the scene to Hasbro Children's Hospital ED or another appropriate pediatric trauma center. Follow the <i>Air Ambulance</i> protocol.	Consider air ambulance to pediatric trauma center
5.4.2 If you are <u>beyond</u> 20 minutes' transport time of Hasbro Children's Hospital, transport to the nearest <u>HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY</u> .	Transport time >20 minutes: transport to nearest ED
6. Transport the patient without delay to an appropriate <u>HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY</u> and <u>contact Medical Control</u> en route.	Transport